

The minutes of the officers and council at their meeting on the 13th inst. were read.

Judge Kane, on the part of Dr. E. K. Kane, communicated the thanks of the latter for the aid extended to him by the Society, in relation to the expedition about to sail under his command to the Arctic regions. The preparations having been nearly completed, the vessel will probably be at sea in the course of the next ten days.

Stated Meeting, June 17.

Present, twelve members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Robert M. Bird, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From the Secretary of l'Ecole des Mines, dated Paris, 4th January, 1853, announcing the transmission of a donation for the Society's Library: and—

A circular letter, dated City Library, New Bedford, May 21, 1853, accompanying the first Annual Report of the Trustees of said Library, and expressing a desire to correspond with other literary and scientific institutions.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Memorie dell' I. R. Istituto Lombardo di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti. Vol. III. Milano, 1852. 4to.—*From the Royal Lombardy Institute of Sciences, Letters and Arts.*

Giornale dell' I. R. Istituto Lombardo, &c. Tomo VI. VII. VIII. Milano, 1846-1847. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Giornale dell' I. R. Istituto Lombardo, &c. e Biblioteca Italiano. Nuova Serie. Fascicoli I.-XVIII. Milano, 1847-1852. 4to.—*From the same.*

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XIII. No. 6. April 8, 1853. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

- Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.
Vol. VI. No. 8. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*
- Celebration by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, of the 170th Anniversary of the Landing of William Penn:—Oration by Robert T. Conrad, Esq., and Proceedings at the Dinner. Nov. 8, 1852. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History: March, April, 1853. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Descriptions of New Species of Achatinella, from the Sandwich Islands. By Dr. W. Newcomb, of Honolulu, Cor. Memb. N. Y. Lyc. Nat. Hist. May, 1853. 8vo.—*From the N. Y. Lyceum of Nat. History.*
- The African Repository: Vol. XXIX. No. 5. May, 1853. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*
- Annales des Mines: V. Série. Tome II. 5 livr. de 1852. Paris. 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute: 3d Series. Vol. XXV. No. 6. June, 1852. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- On the Electrotyping Operations of the United States Coast Survey. By George Mathiot, Electrotypist. (Am. Jour. Sci. and Arts. Vol. XV. 1853). New Haven. 8vo.—*From the U. S. Coast Survey.*
- First Annual Report of the Trustees of the New Bedford City Library. New Bedford. 8vo.—*From the Trustees.*
- Historia de Mejico, desde los primeros movimientos que prepararon su independencia en el año de 1808, hasta la epoca presente. Por Don Lucas Alaman. Parte Segunda. Tomo V. Mexico, 1852. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- The Slave Trade, domestic and foreign: Why it exists and how it may be extinguished. By H. C. Carey. Philadelphia, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Mathematics Simplified and made attractive; or the Laws of Motion explained:—With a Port Folio of Diagrams. By Thomas Fisher. Philadelphia, 1853.—*From the Author.*
- The Medical Examiner. New Series. Vol. IX. No. 6. June, 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Drs. Smith and Biddle, Editors.*
- The Medical News and Library. Vol. IX. No. 126. June, 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*
- Report of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum in the City of Williamsburg, Virginia, 1852-3. Richmond. 8vo.—*From Dr. John M. Galt.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, for 1852. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From James J. Barclay, Esq.*

Education: An Address delivered before the Linnean Association of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, April 18, 1853. By A. Webster, D.D., of Baltimore, Maryland. Gettysburg. 8vo.—*From Prof. M. L. Stoever.*

The Influence of the Bible on Literature: A Discourse delivered before the Bible Society of Pennsylvania College and Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, April 17, 1853. By J. A. Seiss, A.M., of Baltimore, Md. Gettysburg. 8vo.—*From the same.*

The Astronomical Journal: Vol. III. Nos. 58, 59. May 18, June 10, 1853. Cambridge. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, jr., Editor.*

On motion of Mr. Trego, the City Library of New Bedford was ordered to be placed on the list of correspondents of this Society.

A list of the Special Committees of the Society which have not yet made final reports was read over, and a number of said committees were, on motion, discharged;—to sundry others notice was directed to be given that reports from them are desired by the Society.

Dr. Ruschenberger was appointed in place of Dr. W. E. Horner, deceased, to prepare an obituary notice of the late Dr. S. G. Morton.